

## **Buddy Volunteer**

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Role Title	Buddy Volunteer
Purpose of Role	As a buddy volunteer you'll be matched with new students and will help guide them through their settling in period at Ulster.
Reporting to	You will report to the Buddy Support Team on your campus, led by your UUSU Volunteering and Events Coordinator
Hours	You'll be expected to spend a minimum of 1-2 hours per week with your buddy over the first half of semester 1.
Where	This role will be based on your home campus. (Some elements of the role can be carried out online)
Benefits	<ul> <li>The fulfilment of helping to improve the experience of new students settling into life at Ulster University.</li> <li>Becoming part of a diverse and inclusive community of likeminded individuals with a shared passion for helping others.</li> <li>Consolidation of knowledge and understanding of the Students' Union and University which can act as a springboard into other term-time leadership positions across the organisation.</li> <li>Development of key transferable skills such as communication, organisation, and interpersonal skills.</li> <li>Accredited towards your EDGE Award.</li> </ul>

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Duties and Responsibilities	<ul> <li>Providing peer support to your buddy as they make the transition to life at University</li> <li>Regularly check in with your buddy. You might chat to them online, show them around campus, or meet for a coffee</li> <li>Signpost to appropriate on campus services provided by the University or the Students' Union</li> <li>You'll introduce your buddy to activities, groups and clubs they can get involved in at Ulster</li> </ul>
Person Specification	<ul> <li>The UUSU Buddy scheme welcomes applications from returning UU students. You will be provided with training to support you in your role so you don't need previous experience, but you should;</li> <li>Have a positive attitude and a good experience of Student Life which you are enthusiastic to share with others</li> <li>Have a friendly and approachable nature</li> <li>Have good communication and presentation skills</li> <li>Be a team player</li> <li>Be able to use your initiative to deal with challenging situations</li> <li>Be reliable and have good time management skills</li> </ul>